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## KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

MISS HETTY BALHOFF MEETS  
TERRIBLE DEATH IN SAGINAW, WAS CITY NURSE

Miss Hetty Balhoff, daughter of Mrs. Rose Balhoff, former Grayling residents met a tragic death in Saginaw at 10:15 o'clock Friday morning in a traffic accident.

The accident happened at Walnut and Twelfth streets, George Gerschbacher, 18 years old, of that city driving a Hudson sedan hit Miss Balhoff's Ford sedan broadside turning it completely around and throwing it against a 35-foot pole. The pole was snapped off and the impact threw Miss Balhoff through a side window of her car, killing her instantly. Gerschbacher is being held pending an examination.

Miss Balhoff was born in Grayling February 14, 1892 and attended our schools upon the completion of which she entered Mercy Hospital, Bay City, where she received her training as nurse. After graduation she engaged in her profession in Bay City and Cass City, later going to Saginaw, where she served first at the city clinic conducted under the Saginaw city welfare department. After the city administration expanded their public health activities, Miss Balhoff was engaged for clinic and contagious disease work, making in all ten years service in the health department in Saginaw, or since its establishment.

Miss Balhoff was popular with the workers in her department and was having a wide circle of friends in Grayling she also had many in Bay City and Saginaw. Her untimely demise has brought much sadness to the remaining members of her family and to many close friends.

Surviving besides her mother, is one brother Roy Balhoff, Saginaw and a sister, Mrs. P. P. Mahoney, Bay City. The remains were taken to the home of the deceased's sister in Bay City where the funeral was held Monday with services at St. Mary's church, and was attended by a large congregation of friends from both Saginaw and Bay City. The pall bearers were six gentlemen, with six nurses, close friends of Miss Balhoff acting as honorary pall bearers. The choir of the church beautifully rendered the funeral hymns, while the pastor delivered a very impressive sermon, paying a beautiful tribute to the deceased. The large profusion of beautiful flowers bore silent testimony of the high esteem in which the young woman was held.

Mrs. Balhoff and other members of the family have the sincere sympathy of many Grayling friends in their sad bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McLean of this city were in attendance at the funeral.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**  
Service at 10 o'clock A. M.  
Each Sunday, Legion Hall  
Everyone cordially invited  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 O'CLOCK**  
All children welcome.

## WORK ON SLIDE GOING NICELY

TO BE BETTER THAN EVER  
NEED SNOW AND COLD

Work on the toboggan slide is going on nicely. Large crews of volunteer workers have been busy clearing and smoothing the way. A number of trees and stumps had to be cleared away in order to make the path free from dangers and hindrances. The crews are now busy constructing the "take-off" which will be about seven feet high, giving a sharp send-off to the toboggans. This will be high enough to provide a shelter beneath, large enough to protect many people, and if the plans of the committee work out there will be a stove there to keep it warm on extremely cold occasions.

The take-off will be on a high elevation on the west side of the highway and will cross M-93 and pass before the Colleen pavilion and on onto Lake Margrethe. The course will be shorter than those of former years at the Military reservation but those who have tried both places claim that this one will be far more enjoyable and more thrilling. It will have all the attractions of the other course with exception of the looks, and will have the advantage of a number of dips, rises and curves and, what many claim as most important the walk back will be shorter by nearly a half. That will mean more time for the patrons.

Another convenience that will be appreciated by the patrons of the slide will be that Colleen's Inn will be open where those who wish to do so may go and rest and get warm; and also obtain refreshments and food.

The fact that this slide is about a mile and a half closer to town will also be an advantage. Also the cost of construction will be less than it would be at the reservation. The distance is about a third shorter. Also the ice slides are more or less protected from the warm afternoon sun's rays, a thing that used to work havoc with the slides last winter. The long open hillside at the reservation got such a sweep of the winds that much of the time the snow blew away and the grounds were bare. This necessitated extra work on the slides and besides shortened the seasons considerably. It is believed a big advantage against the destructive elements of the sun, wind and drifting of the snow will be had. Water pipes will be run to the hill from which the slides may be thawed on cold nights. This will save the labor of hauling water from the lake by team.

With the right kind of weather there is no doubt but that the slides will be in operation during the holiday season. And also there will be ice skating on the lake just as soon as the ice is safe.

The election has had one marked effect already. It has brought jazz back to the radio.



## CHRISTMAS—

The Season of Good Will  
and Hospitality

Christmas is with us again. And as it spreads abroad throughout this community its joyous tidings of good will to all, let us join wholeheartedly in its spirit.

Let each stranger who enters our gates know that in this community the goodwill spirit of Christmas is not just a passing impulse effective during the holidays, but it is a day by day fact throughout the entire year.

We and do our share toward making this Christmas good feeling a year round event, by showing Christmas charity and fellowship to those with whom we come in contact each day.

We can make this community renowned for its hospitality—and our reward will come to us here on earth, for it will make the entire community more prosperous and happy.

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#### CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY FUND

1927-1928

Last year a total of \$227.50 was collected and expended. Of this total \$17.50 was spent directly on Christmas tree but balance of \$140 was expended through the agency of the Charity Committee of the Goodfellowship Club in meeting several needy situations that faced some of the people in town at later periods. In this way the Spirit of Christmas was made more purposeful and less spasmodic and ineffective so that much permanent good was accomplished.

A very illuminating and satisfactory statement of the expenditure of this \$140 has been handed to me as Acting Treasurer of this fund, and can be seen at any time. From a sense of propriety, we hesitate to publish this detailed statement, but are giving herewith a briefer statement in summary.

Statement	
1927.	
December:	
Christmas baskets	\$ 58.92
Foodstuffs	4.00
Underwear, toys, etc.	7.45
Tobacco and meat	2.55
1928.	
January:	
Clothing, shoes, etc.	15.97
February:	
Baskets of foodstuffs	4.83
March.	

Baske of foodstuffs	8.95
Underclothing, etc.	5.40
Medical service	3.50
April.	
Drugs, etc.	9.10
Foodstuffs	5.40
Underwear, etc.	2.85
May.	
Fuel	4.00
Clothing	2.50
Foodstuffs	3.10
Meat	5.10
October.	
Clothing, etc.	4.45
November.	
Groceries, etc.	1.00
Total	\$140.00

J. W. GREENWOOD,  
Acting Treasurer.

## School Notes

(Written by the students of the English classes.)

Grayling Girls To Play Mysterious Team

The girl's basketball team will meet its strongest opponent on the local gym floor Thursday night. Never before have the girls played the mysterious team of Michigan, the team that has never been defeated by girls. The girls are practicing hard in order to have the honor of being the first to defeat the unknown players who have so mysteriously challenged the girls to a battle. None except the coaches know anything about the strange doings of these unusual players who intend to slip quietly into the city of Grayling, walk away with the honors and slip out again in the dead of night. Perhaps they may be able to get into the town without anyone knowing it—but only time will tell as to the victory. The local girls have won both games played so far this year, and have already proven their ability both in shooting baskets and in their teamwork.

Come out and help them win their hardest game of the season, Thursday night. Let's have a record crowd.

Thursday night, after a lapse of athletic relations with the two schools, Grayling will play Gladwin on the Grayling court. This game will be Grayling's first hard game of the season.

So far Grayling has won every game quite easily but they will not win so easily against Gladwin. Gladwin team is a worthy foe and is not to be easily beaten. Four years ago, when they last played Grayling, they won over Grayling. It was then that the great Russell (Pie) Robertson played for Grayling. This year the Grayling aggregation boasts of such players as Brady, Wylie, Neal, and Fenton, and they hope to win with these.

Grayling hopes to avenge the last defeat Thursday night so let's have everyone out backing the team. Let's let "Jimmy" Reynolds do all the yelling. Show a little life and spirit. Grayling High eagerly took both games of a double header and chalked up seven to eight consecutive wins for the school.

Grayling High School boys won both games from West Branch last Friday night.

The B team took the West Branch B team into camp to the tune of 17-11. This game was rigged in spots both teams being able to play better basketball than they displayed. At the end of the game the score was a tie and in the overtime period Grayling team ran up three baskets to clinch the game.

The second game of the evening was not as interesting to watch because the visitors could not penetrate the local's air-tight defense enough to score and neither could they solve the offense of the locals. The score at half time was 18-0 and at the end of the game 25-5. Grayling held the visitors scoreless until late into the fourth quarter where a pair of "Long Toms" and a free throw accounted for the rest.

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## THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON

(By Congressman Roy O. Woodruff.)

The House and Senate December 12th was again Calendar Wednesday, and the Naval Affairs Committee, of which I am a member, had the call. The House passed the bills the Committee had on the Union Calendar without any material opposition whatever. These bills included a bill to authorize an increase in the limit of cost, alterations and repairs to the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada; alterations and repairs to the battleship California; an increase in the authorization for the construction of two fleet submarines; a bill to regulate the distribution and promotion of commissioned officers of the Marine Corps; and a bill to correct the injustice done to Warrant Officers of the Navy in their pay schedules.

On Friday, December 14th, the House listened for the last time to the Honorable Theodore E. Burton, who on Saturday, took his seat in the U. S. Senate. Mr. Burton's experience has been most unique in that he has twice been a member of the House of Representatives, and twice a member of the U. S. Senate from the State of Ohio. He has given to his country many years of "very old" public service in the two branches of Congress. I think every member of the House of Representatives feels that he is leaving that body with a heavy heart.

This week the Senate confirmed two of my postmaster appointments, namely, one L. Oliver at Beaverton, Oregon, and one J. D. Turner at Turner, Ohio, to succeed themselves and to serve another four year term.

On Friday, December 14th, I was successful in passing through the House thirty private pension bills for beneficiaries in the Tenth District. Before becoming a law, these bills must, however, be passed in the Senate and be signed by the President. The Senate on December 14th final passed the Boulder Dam Bill, authorizing an appropriation of \$145,000,000 for the construction of a dam at Boulder or Black Canyon on the Colorado River between Nevada and Arizona, with provision for a power plant to be constructed and operated by the Government or by private enterprise in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. The vote was 64 to 11.

The Executive Departments:

In the year 1927 more than 81,300,000 pounds of fish were taken out of the Great Lakes; and of this total Lake Huron furnished 16,100,000 pounds, valued at \$1,144,345. Lake Erie was the most important of the lake fisheries, Lake Michigan second, Lake Huron third, Lake Superior fourth and Lake Ontario fifth. The total catch in the Great Lakes for 1927 was valued at \$6,800,000 which was 8 per cent higher than that in 1926, according to the Bureau of Fisheries.

The Bureau of Public Health, which has recently completed a survey of highway habits on the highways, concludes that motorists need a high way of at least 20 feet wide. They found that the average width of highways was only 16 to 24 feet, with shoulders in the center, and no clearances for passenger cars or trucks operating in the usual paths.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness and assistance in the collection of the floral pieces and those who rendered assistance by singing and playing and offering the use of their cars. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Woodburn and family. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wolverton and family.

## To The Kiddies

SANTA CLAUS wishes to meet all of the KIDDIES of Grayling and Crawford County at the COMMUNITY XMAS TREE at three o'clock in the afternoon, Monday, December 24th, and at 4:00 o'clock to be his guests at the Movie Theatre and see "FRANKIE DARROW" in the picture "THE CIRCUS KID".

### Santa Claus

## THE COMMUNITY XMAS PROGRAM

PRESENTS AND FREE MOVIE

The big glad day for the kiddies of Crawford county will be Monday afternoon, December 24th at 3:00 o'clock. Santa Claus has sent word that he wants every little boy and girl of Crawford county to be at the Community Christmas tree at that time. There will be large numbers of candles, nuts, popcorn balls and oranges for everyone that gets there. Then for good measure Santa parties will be given. Santa Claus has sent word to Manager George Olson of the Opera House that he wants him to show the new picture at the Opera House, "The Circus Kid" and "Frankie Darrow".

Now, let every youngster in the county be on hand at the Christmas tree at 3:00 p. m. next Monday, for Santa Claus will be there. The children are urged to see that the little ones are there. Then let each one at the dandy circus picture that Mr. Olson will have for them.

And Santa Claus says that he doesn't intend to forget some of the daddies and mamas at home so just as soon as he finishes with his presents to the kiddies he will make baskets of food and gifts for some of the homes. And there will be happiness in every home in the community. That's what Santa Claus wants.

At 6:30 there was a banquet given in their honor when about 500 persons sat down to enjoy the fine dinner. This was followed by short speeches and a minstrel show lasting about an hour and a half. The latter was made ten largely of home talent, and all said it was a hum-dinger and was greatly enjoyed.

The initiatory work was done in the evening the major part of which was handled by the Grayling members. This event was an exchange in courtesies between the Highland Park Lodge and the lodges of Grayling, Highland Park lodge visited some of the Northern cities.

The first monthly meeting of the directors of Grayling Board of Trade for this fiscal year was held Tuesday evening, December 18th. The Board now boasts of 31 paid-up members and others have promised to come in soon.

**NOTICE—TAXES ARE DUE.**  
The tax roll for Grayling township is now in my hands for collection. You may call on any day at my service station between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. and pay your taxes.  
ALFRED HANSON,  
Township Treasurer.

**BOARD OF TRADE DIRECTORS MEET**

The first monthly meeting of the directors of Grayling Board of Trade for this fiscal year was held Tuesday evening, December 18th. The Board now boasts of 31 paid-up members and others have promised to come in soon.

The first event was the pot-luck dinner. The members enjoyed November 27th. Since that time a ladies auxiliary has been organized, which Mrs. C. G. Clippert, chairman, and Mrs. Robert Reagan, secretary, which organization have agreed to sponsor a pot-luck dinner for each of the months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December. By months of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December. The amount of \$225.00 in cash (together with a pile of ham, 125 lbs. of potatoes, 1 smoked ham, 1 crate oranges, 1 crate popcorn balls, 10 bushels of potatoes. Committees of the ladies have been busy purchasing presents and needy articles for the baskets and for the Christmas tree. All the money will be spent and there should be enough for everyone.

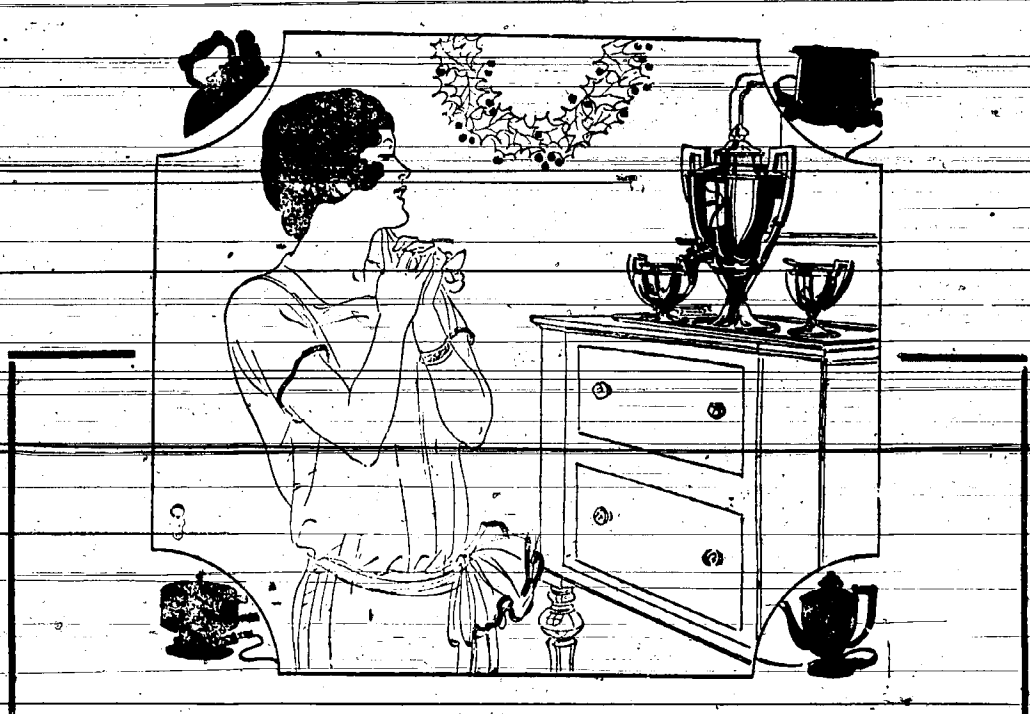
The Board also is sponsoring the Winter Sports program. Fred R. Welch is the chairman of that committee and the work is going on in fine shape. More about the activities of that committee is published elsewhere in this issue.

Because of the many pre-holiday



ON SALE AT

**CENTRAL DRUG STORE**  
C. W. OLSEN PROP.  
GRAYLING, MICH.



## No More Useful or Acceptable Gift Could Be Chosen

This year we have such a varied selection of gifts electrical that you will find it especially easy to choose this most desired and appreciated of all gifts—an electrical gift.

**Michigan Public Service Co.**  
"We Electrify the Home"

## Christmas Greetings

DEAR FRIENDS:

Christmas time provides one of those rare moments in life when we forget the rush and cares of business and give thought to the more worthwhile things.

It is a time when we feel tolerant toward the entire world and deeply grateful for the happiness and friendships with which we have been surrounded. It inspires us to frankly express our gratitude for all of these fine things.

As your friendship and patronage have generously contributed to our happiness and welfare, we want you to know that our thoughts at this time are of you.

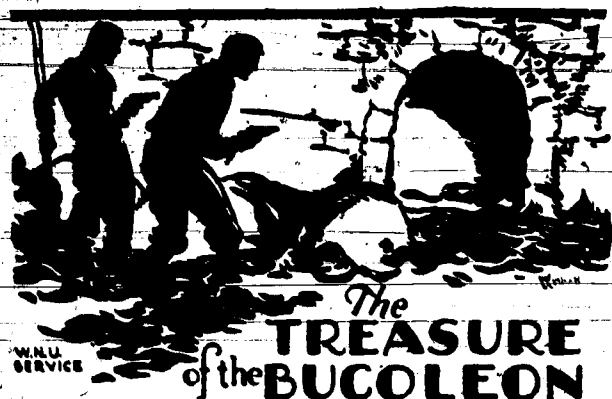
We wish you a good old-fashioned Christmas—a day filled with happiness, cheer and the satisfaction of having brought happiness to others.

Cordially yours,

**Grayling Box Company**  
Everything in Lumber and Building Supplies







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## CHAPTER I

## The Broken Message

The messenger was peering at the card above the push button beside the apartment entrance as I came up the stairs.

"Chesty," he said hesitantly, as I reached a plain envelope.

"He lives here," I answered. "I sign for it."

The boy clumped off downstairs and I let myself in, never dreaming that I held the key to destiny in my hand—or rather, in the plain envelope.

My cousin, Betty, King, hailed me from the couch on which she sat between her father and Hugh.

"Here you are at last," she cried. "And I have come to say good-bye to you. We are going to Constantinople to hunt for Greek ruins."

"I have a check," explained my uncle, Vernon King, who had been one of the war and the occupation of the city by the Greeks and the Turks.

"When I was in Constantinople," he said, "I was in a Greek house. I was in a Greek house. I was in a Greek house."

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Rome. I have been in Constantinople for extended periods upon several occasions, and I have never satisfied myself as to the existence at this time of any bona fide portions of the Bucleon. The older portions of the city have been so overbuilt since the Turkish conquest that frequently what is ostensibly a relatively modern building is in fact a Greek ruin.

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thing for you boys to do is to pack up. I'll have the car, collect your friend Nikka and follow on."

"No go," answered Hugh grimly. "All I am scheduled for is a fat family row."

The steamship company telephoned while Hugh and I were at breakfast to say that the Aquitania was just docked. When we reached the pier West street was swarming with out-going automobiles loaded with the first contingents of departing passengers. We surrendered our passes and dived into the swirling vortex of hurried travelers: hysterical relatives and lupuslike customs officials.

The purser's office in the main saloon was vacant, but Hugh button-holed a passing steward.

"Lord Chester, sir? Yes, sir, he was one of the first ashore. There was a gentleman to meet him, I think, sir."

"That's queer," muttered Hugh as we returned to the gangway. "Who could meet him here?"

"It's damned queer," I agreed. "What does your uncle look like?"

"He's small, stocky, not fat. Must be around sixty," said Hugh vaguely.

We surveyed the space in the customs lines under the letter C.

"No, he's not here," said Hugh. "Wait, though, there's Watkins."

"Who's Watkins?" I asked, seeing a passage beside him through the crowd.

"He's Uncle James' man."

Watkins was the replica of Hugh's description of his uncle. He was a chunky, solid sort of man, with the musklike face of the trained English servant.

"Hello, Watty?" Hugh greeted him. "Where's your uncle?"

The valet's features lighted up.

"Ah, Mister Hugh! I'm very glad to see you, sir. I was just about to see you, sir. I was just about to see you, sir."

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he spoke, and I unhooked the receiver.

"Is this Mr. Chesby's apartment?"

The voice that burred in my ear was strangely thick, with a guttural intonation. "Tell him they are taking what's left of his uncle to the Bellevue. It's his own fault the old fool got it. And you can tell his nephew we will feed him a dose of the same medicine if he doesn't come across."

"Bring it!"

"Wait, wait!" I gasped into the mouthpiece. "Who?"

"Number, please," said a stilted feminine voice.

"My God!" I cried. "Hugh, they've killed him, I think."

Hugh's face went white as I repeated the message.

"Where is this hospital?" stammered Hugh.

"Over on the East side."

"We must catch a taxi, hurry!"

Watkins came with us. In the taxi none of us spoke. We were all dazed.

As we turned into East Twenty-sixth street and the portals of the huge, red-brick group of buildings loomed ahead of us, Hugh exclaimed fiercely:

"It may not be true! I believe it was a lie!"

But it was not a lie, as we soon learned. The nurse on duty told us an ambulance had brought in an unconscious man—Hugh described within the half hour.

The orderly world, now in the ward.

We traversed a maze of passages to a certain doorway where a young surgeon, immaculate in white, awaited us.

"You want to see the old man who has been stabbed?" he said.

Hugh, slipped my arm.

"Stabbed? Is he?"

"That surgeon nodded."

"Yes, the man had made a hole in his back. He's a damned old man."

Hugh and I looked at each other. We were both pale.

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Exhaustion overcame him. His eyes closed.

"Is he going?" I murmured.

Hugh crouched low and held his watchcase to the blue lips. A mist clouded the polished surface.

"Give him time," he said. "Watty, who is Toots?"

"Never heard of him, sir. Oh, Mister Hugh, sir, is he lousy?"

The gray eyes opened; the lips began to move.

"Watch out—that gang—desperate—be after you."

"But who are they, Uncle James?"

"Toots—worst—Berna—many—bad—lots."

"Where did they take you? Tell us and we shall have them arrested!"

The gray eyes glittered.

"No—no—lad—avoid—police—don't talk—treasure."

"Where is the treasure?" I interrupted.

"Hull—cedars—It—"

His breathing dwindled to little, fluttering gasps, but he fought on.

"How did you find it, Uncle James?" asked Hugh softly.

That gray smile of triumph shone in his eyes for the last time.

"Used—my—brain—all—laughed—me—in—Hugh."

And the life flickered out of him as we watched.

There were several details to be settled with the hospital authorities.

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"Horrible death of Lord Chesby!"

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## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, December 21, 1905

The snow came this morning for Christmas sleighing. Dr. Insley is prepared for any storms that may come, with a modern covered cutter with storm front. It is a dandy.

Ben Jerome is home from the Agricultural College for the holiday vacation. He is always welcomed by our young people.

The little daughter of E. Douglas backed into a pile of hot water last Saturday morning burning her quite severely but not dangerously.

Frank Nichols has just completed this season's work with his new clover huller in this county. He hulled 298 bushels of prime clover seed, worth about \$2700.00. Not bad for a starter on these "worthless" plains.

Dr. Insley amputated three fingers for Ralph Hanna's boy of Beaver Creek, Sunday morning. The kid had tried it in a stalk-cutter but did not make a good job, so they brought him to the village for trimming.

Beaver Creek is not dead, but on the contrary is fully up to date. They have established a singing school, meeting once a week at the Bonduick School-house with Mr. Snively as teacher, and are making the neighborhood full of music.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Amidon were called to Benzie county last Saturday by the sudden though not unexpected death of her sister. They drove across to Kalkaska in order to catch a train on the G. R. & I. road.

A. E. Hendrickson, the tailor, has moved his shop from over C. Peterson's saloon to his residence on the south side, where he will be glad to meet all his old customers, and many new ones. Satisfaction and best work guaranteed.

Grayling lost one of our pioneers yesterday in the going to Eganville, N. Y., of Mrs. Jennette Woodworth, who has lived here for over twenty years. Her activity in our social gatherings even though a covered pan world and in all things pertaining to it, has been a constant reminder to the people here. Her musical ability, which has often been exercised for the pleasure of our citizens, has ever been a bond of union by which she will ever be most kindly remembered.

A surprise is given our people this week by the announcement that Rev. H. A. Sheldon is about to leave us, and will, in a few days remove to Davenport, Washington.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by Grayling Chapter No. 120 R. A. M.

High Priest—Melvin A. Bates.  
King—Adelbert Taylor.  
Scribe—John Leece.  
Treasurer—R. D. Connine.  
Secretary—Fred Nahrin.  
Captain of Host—John F. Ham.  
P. C.—H. P. Olson.  
R. A. C.—Howard Trumley.  
Master 3rd Vigil—George Taylor.  
Master 2nd Vigil—John Morrison.  
Master 1st Vigil—Lars Nelson.  
Sentinel—Hymen Joseph.

At a regular meeting of Companion Court Grayling No. 652 I. O. F., held Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, the following officers were elected:  
C. R.—Ethel Woodburn.  
P. C. R.—Maria Hammond.

V. C. R.—Mary McNeven.  
C. D.—Nellie McNeven.  
R. S.—Annie Harrington.  
F. S.—Tressa Libbie Bates.  
O. R.—Edna Walworth.  
S. W.—Christine Nelson.  
J. W.—Emma Nelson.  
S. B.—Mrs. Hanson.  
J. B.—Mary Shanahan.  
Physician—S. N. Insley.

Mrs. L. Fournier opened her elegant home Tuesday evening, giving a farewell party to Miss Louise Woodworth, who was going east with her mother. It was a pleasant gathering though with a tinge of sadness, those who had been life-long chums thought of the parting. The guests presented Miss Woodworth with a beautiful string of gold beads as a memento of the occasion, and of their love.

### The Christmas Turkey

Select a young turkey weighing from 12 to 14 pounds. Dress, remove all pin feathers and the oil bag. Wipe the inside of the turkey and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Fill the cavity with hot stuffing, but do not crowd the stuffing in tightly or it will not have the light fluffy consistency that so many persons prefer. Fold the wings back on the neck. Tuck the legs into a band of skin and flesh below the tail, or tie or skewer them down. Sew the cut surfaces so that the dressing will not fall out or become moist when baked. After the turkey is stuffed and trussed, rub the surface with butter, and sprinkle with salt, pepper, and flour. Lay a piece of fat over the breast bone and put the turkey on a rack in a covered roaster. Put a small quantity of water in the bottom of the pan. Cover and put in a hot oven (about 450 degrees) for 1 1/2 hours or longer, until the turkey is lightly browned. Reduce the oven temperature to 375 degrees and continue the cooking for 2 or 2 1/2 hours longer. It is sometimes necessary to baste the turkey with the pan drippings even though a covered pan world and in all things pertaining to it, has been a constant reminder to the people here. Her musical ability, which has often been exercised for the pleasure of our citizens, has ever been a bond of union by which she will ever be most kindly remembered.

When the turkey is cooked, remove the strings with which it is sewed, and garnish with parsley.

### Backache

If Bladder Weakness, Getting Up Nights, Backache, Burning or Itching Sensation, leg or groin pains make you feel old, tired, peevish, and worn out why not make the Cystex 28 Hour Test? Don't give up. Get Cystex today at Mac & Gidley's. Put it to a 48 hour test. Money back if you don't soon feel like new, full of pep, sleep well, with pains alleviated. Try Cystex today. Only 60c.

### NUMBER OF TB. CLINICS TO BE HELD DEPENDS ON SEAL SALE

Upon the success of the Christmas seal sale, which comes to a close on December 25, depends the extent to which the Michigan Tuberculosis Association will be able to meet the growing demand for chest clinic service in Michigan, according to Dr. R. Van der Slie, Medical Director of the Association.

"Nearly 600 persons were refused examinations at our clinics this year, because limited funds did not permit us to sponsor a more extensive program," he says. "With a sufficient increase in the proceeds of the Christmas seal sale, and with the help of county appropriations, we hope to conduct in 1929 a series of clinics that will accommodate all who need examinations."

A total of 1811 patients were examined during 1928 at clinics conducted in 41 counties by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. At the Crawford county clinic, held in Grayling on August 13-14, twenty-three persons were given free examinations. The discovery of positive and suspicious cases of tuberculosis in five of that number meant their isolation as active infecting agents in their communities.

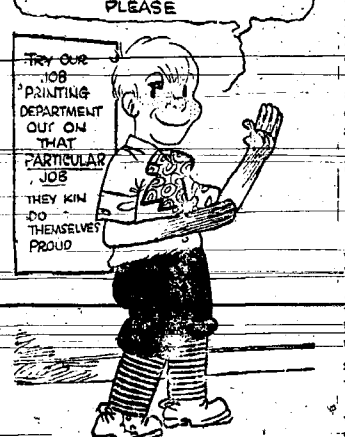
Special stress in the 1929 clinic, according to Dr. Van der Slie, will be laid upon the giving of thorough examination to girls and young women. "Starting increases in the past four years have marked the number of deaths from tuberculosis among young women, particularly those in the age group from 15 to 19," he states. "Death from this disease, at any age, is tragic, but in youth it is doubly so. Every attempt will be made in our 1929 clinics to seek out cases of the disease among young women in order that the threat of tuberculosis to them may be lessened."

### Well-Deserved Fate

"I don't wish Jim Lugg the town calamity bowler, no hard luck," says Old Man Munn. "But I wish he'd drown one of the mountains he makes into mole hills, and fall on 'em."—Farm and Fireside

### MICKIE SAYS—

LISTEN, FRIEND WHEN WE SEND YOU A STATEMENT, WE ARE GAINING A DEAD BEAT! EVERYBODY GETS 'EM, FROM MILLIONAIRES TO BANKERS. ALL A STATEMENT FROM US MEANS IS THAT YOU OWE US MONEY AND WE'D LIKE TO HAVE IT PLEASE



### GENERAL STOCK CONDITIONS

(Wm. McMahon, Pres. McMahon Institute of Financial Research, Inc.)

The stock market has had one of its inevitable reactions. Most of us expected it sooner or later. As such reactions occur, recoveries will follow. General reactions, however, are always disconcerting when they come. Like a headache after a dinner party.

Of course there are many who expect every reaction to endure forever, like a neurotic who constructs a desert from a sandhill and prophesies a cyclone from every gust of wind.

Brokers and some professionals, among whom are most of the bears, point to Governor Seay's late remark that speculation had become a menace—that stocks were overbought, and that it was bad for individuals and institutions to enter the call loan field in connection with the banks.

We fail to see the logic in any of these three propositions. It is like the professor who called upon a student to define a lobster. "A lobster," said the student, "is a red fish that walks backwards." "That's a good definition," said the professor, "except in three particulars. A lobster is not red, is not a fish, and does NOT walk backwards."

We see no menace in the faith manifested by the public in a confidence in our progress and prosperity. We see no menace in buying stocks of those whose future is interwoven with this progress and prosperity. We see no menace in individuals or corporations entering the call money field if they choose to do so.

Some of the bearish element, so far as to say that a reaction of long duration is bound to come. Why? Not one-half of one per cent of the issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange are selling too high when you consider present earnings and prospects. More are selling too low. But because a small fraction of the

argument is advanced that the whole list is too high. Is it another illustration of that mental miasma which mistakes a part for the whole?

Who constantly keeps his nose to the ticker is a poor judge of business conditions. It is difficult to draw a map of a city after walking through its streets. It takes detachment to appraise anything in its entirety.

Heretofore we have indicated stocks whose advance in market price was probable. We spoke of Sinclair's retirement of capital structure, its retirement of bonds, its merger with other companies and its record earnings as reasons for the purchase of its stock. Sinclair is still a purchase. We gave advance facts with reference to General American Tank Car, pointing out the retirement of the preferred stock, the increase in dividends in cash and in stock, recent earnings for buying this issue. The reasons will hold good. Stock of a company of such strength as General American Tank Car that yields around 5 1/2 per cent before additional dividend distributions, affords an opportunity at any time and at any market.

STOVE SEEMS STRANGE CONTROL OF OIL PROPERTIES

Effective surface control of the Michigan oil and gas properties is to be sought by the state when the legislature convenes next month.

A. Smith, State geologist, announces that proposed legislation has already been prepared and is being introduced into the legislature. The bill is designed to give the state a strong capital position in the oil and gas fields of the state.

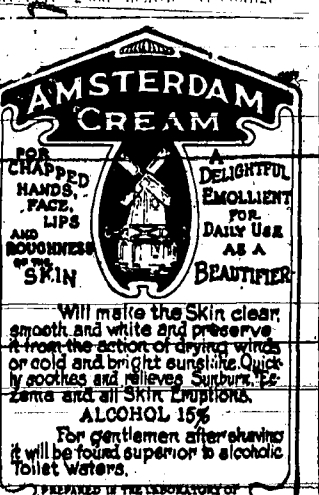
There is a law on the books now which empowers the state to control the drilling, casing and plugging of wells, but there is no legal lever that may be used to govern and operation about the wells. The department of conservation, however, has been when it attempted to control operations to conserve natural gas that was being turned into the air. The court denied an injunction to halt the waste and so far as legal responsibility was concerned, the operators were permitted to do as they pleased in this direction.

"I venture to say," Geologist Smith stated, "that the waste of gas in the Traverse and other fields has been as much as 50 per cent of the oil that has flowed to the surface and been pumped from the formation. We want to conserve this gas, if possible, and some of our proposed legislation is for this purpose."

If possible, the department wants to write a law into the books that will curb the city lot drilling practice. Oil and gas fields are always injured and often ruined by over-drilling. In some fields, excessive drilling in a district of a city, every lot owner has the privilege of drilling a well. If several men in the same neighborhood choose to exercise their rights, the field is almost certain to be spoiled so far as quantity production is concerned. The law, however, should permit the lot owners to drill and operate under a community lease.

### Health in Moderation

No one who takes care of his horse allows him to be overworked. A valuable colt is never entered in four races until he is able to stand the strain. So it must be with human beings. Don't overdo yourself at all. Let your child to overdo it you will preserve good health. Exchange



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## Waiting for Santa



THREE JUDGMENT MEANS MORE CONSERVATION EMPLOYERS TO TAKE CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

By Edwin Green, President, Group School of Electrical and Automotive Trades, Chicago, Ill.

Conceded that mileage means wear in this particular sense, then there are a lot of drivers who are getting tired that they think they are.

There is a lot of travel that the speedometer can't register. When you back up, when you kid with the car wheels locked and when your car wheels are out of line.

When the tires wobble, of course, the wheel does too. It covers a lot more territory than there is need for, and the tire wears out through a continual skidding. The front wheels should be checked at least once a month.

It is not good policy to drive a straight course merely for the sake of doing so. Avoid depressions, holes, stones, bumps, ice tracks and raged pavements, even if your car is equipped to absorb shocks. Your tires are not so equipped. Striking a sharp projection at high speed may deduct one hundred miles from the running life of your tires.

Quit cutting traffic buttons. They are one of the major causes of the "stone bruise" type of tire injury, and they cause many thousands of dollars' worth of damage each day. Don't skid around a corner. Take the turn slow and when about half around feel the car gas. In this manner you will be able to negotiate the turn more safely and save money in tire wear.

Don't step on it at the start. Speeding up too quickly from a standing start results in spinning wheels, and spinning wheels cause the tires to be degraded and worn against the pavement. Don't attempt to stop your car in the space of ten feet just because you have excellent brakes, and the car will brake down from a speed of thirty miles in that short space. This is not only bad for the tires, but there will come an emergency stop sometime when the brakes will fail to work.

Adopt these mental calisthenics, and soon you will do the right thing by your tires, just as you automatically shift the gears and apply the brakes

### "Squawman"

The word "squawman" has two meanings. One is an Indian who does a woman's work; the other, the one which is more often met, a white man married to an Indian woman and living with her people.



## How I Praise Day I Learned About Konjola

Victim Of Neuritis, Failing To Find Relief, Took The Konjola And Happy End To Pain Through New Medicine

Director Hogarth has studied the situation for several months and has arrived at the conclusion that some step must be taken to improve the personnel of the field organization.

"After a careful study of our field organization over a 22-month period," Director Hogarth told the commission, "it is my conclusion that some fundamental changes must be made in the personnel and above all, a new policy must be adopted as to manner of selecting our field workers."

The recommendation was immediately approved by the commission. He at once appointed a personnel committee that consists of the director of conservation, and the chief forest fire warden, the chief conservation officer and the chief of the division in which the vacancy may exist. This group will carefully examine all properly qualified applicants for positions in the field force.

Some of the general requirements are that the applicant shall be at least 25 years of age and not more than 50; that his physical condition must be such as to permit him to carry out the duties of his position; that he must be of good character and his social standing in the community be unimpaired; and then came neuritis. "Pains in my back and arms were so acute that I cried out in agony. I could not even be given those who have previously served the department in a satisfactory manner. The applicant must be required to appear before the examining board and be willing to be designated."

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Now get this—in exactly two weeks my kidneys were corrected and the neuritis had left me. Four days after leaving Konjola, I was able to leave my bed. Does this seem possible? Isn't it wonderful that there is such a medicine? I wish I knew words enough to express my amazement and gratitude for this astounding medicine. Konjola is, indeed, called the master medicine.

Konjola is sold in Grayling at the Mac & Gidley drug store and by all the best druggists throughout this entire section.

Chicago reformers are organizing to close the liquor dives where drinks are sold to high school children. It might also be a good idea to look into the Chicago shooting galleries which have juvenile customers.

STATE OF MICHIGAN The District Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Andrew Peterson, late of the Village of Grayling in said County, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the tenth day of December A. D. 1928, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the Village of Grayling in said county, on or before the 15th day of April A. D. 1929, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 15th day of April A. D. 1929, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated this tenth day of December A. D. 1928.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

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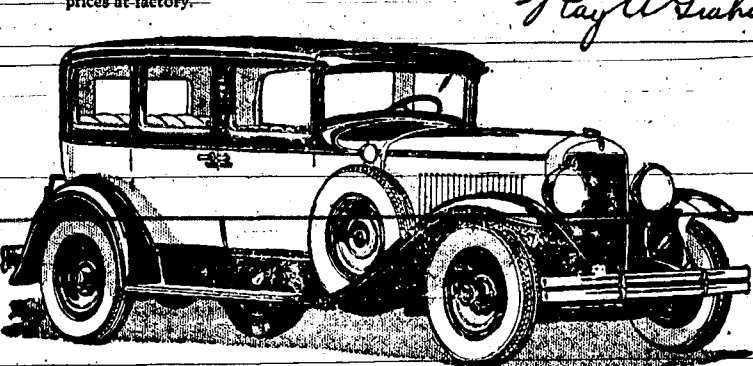
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#### DON'T PUT ASHES IN STREET

Notice is hereby given that there is an ordinance that prohibits the dumping of ashes on the streets. That practice must be stopped for ashes cause much trouble by washing down into the manholes and clogging them.

By order of the Street Committee,  
JULIUS NELSON,  
Street Commissioner.

#### NOTICE

This is to notify the public that it will not be responsible for any bills contracted by others than myself. Dated December 19, 1928.

EDWIN GIBBONS.  
A Grayling Cook Book would make a lovely Christmas gift. You may get them from any member of St. Mary's Altar Society.



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My, what a beautiful gift a **RADIO** makes. It is a gift that every member of the family will enjoy, today, tomorrow and for many months to come.

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Some folks think it is difficult to select smokers gifts, but it is really very easy when you have an assortment like we are now showing from which to choose.

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#### Special Boxes of Christmas Candy

Christmas candies in special boxes that breathe the spirit of Christmas. The quality of the candy adds to the pleasure of giving it as a gift, since you know it will please.



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1928

#### LOCAL NEWS

Floyd McClain returned the middle of last week from Flint, where he had been for several days.

Mrs. R. Hanson is the donor of the Star of Bethlehem that adorns the top of the community Christmas tree.

Miss Margrethe and Olga Neilson are entertaining a number of their friends at a Christmas party tonight.

See the fine line of Men's and Boy's heavy Sox at Olson's.

Shoppemans Inn is adding to the Christmas spirit of the community by placing a Christmas tree in front of the hotel, all trimmed and lighted.

The Ladies National League will have a Christmas party Saturday night at the American Legion hall, for the members and some invited friends. They will have a Christmas tree and program, followed by lunch.

Most of the Grayling stores boast of a thriving holiday business. The buying public has learned that they want and here what they are looking for. Read the advertisements in the AVALANCHE and get a good idea of some of the things that are being offered.

Seven million brook trout eggs and 250,000 brown trout eggs were taken at Grayling hatchery this fall and are now hatching. This is the largest number of brook trout eggs ever taken in a Michigan hatchery, and is a fine achievement on the part of Superintendent and his assistants.

Midnight mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's church on Christmas eve with special music by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Marius Hanson. On Christmas morning the mass will be at ten o'clock and previous to that Fr. Cuthman will go to Roscommon for mass at 9:00 their time.

See the men's and Women's Phoenix hosiery in gold Xmas boxes at Olson's.

The Children of St. Mary's church will have their Christmas party at the temple theatre, Saturday evening, beginning at 7:00 o'clock. There will be a Christmas tree and program of recitations and music by several of the children under the direction of Miss Hazel Cassidy. St. Mary's Altar Society are sponsoring the affair.

We doubt if there is a town the size of Grayling that has nicer trimmed show windows in its stores. Trimming windows is an art that seems to have been very well mastered by some of our energetic clerks. There is hardly a store in town that hasn't made special effort to show its goods in its windows in a very attractive manner.

Two cord load of soft wood slabs delivered, \$5.00. Two cord load hard wood slabs delivered, \$6.00. Phone 37. Grayling Manf. Co.

Ted McDonald, age 44 years, who had resided in Grayling for the past couple of years, was taken to Mercy Hospital seriously ill, where he passed away on December 28th of peritonitis. He was born in Canada and had resided in the United States 20 years. The remains were taken to Millersburg, Michigan for burial on December 31, accompanied by a brother, who was called here at his brother's death.

The Community tree has been placed at the intersection of Michigan and Peninsular avenues. The tree top being adorned with a large gold star with stronger lights on each side of it. The Community tree this year is in charge of the Grayling Board of Trade, and it is here that the children will meet Santa next Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. The Village crew is getting the tree and placing it.

Township Treasurer Alfred Hanson made a bargain with his wife that promises to be rather expensive according to reports. Mrs. Hanson was offered half the commission on all taxes collected before Christmas as her Christmas present. He little realized what a hustler his wife is and now instead of waiting until after Christmas most of the largest tax payers are paying up before, and more are coming in every day. May the ring of dollars in her purse drown out the loudest Christmas bells!

Tonight, Thursday, Charlevoix High school boys basketball team will play Grayling here at home. The date had been scheduled to meet Gladwin but because of an epidemic of flu in that city the schools are closed and the game had to be abandoned. Charlevoix has agreed to fill the date, they to receive a guarantee of \$500.00. That team is coached by Stub Kipke, and last spring won the regional basketball honors. They are a fast team and will give Grayling all it can handle, according to predictions of some of the fans. Another feature for tonight will be the game between the Grayling girls and an outside team of girls who haven't lost a single game for the past two years. Just where this team is coming from will be kept a secret. Grayling girls team is going to be equally interesting as the boys game. Game starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission 15 and 35c.

Take your prescriptions to the Central Drug Store.

Amos Hunter, who has been employed in Flint has arrived home to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter.

Make your plans now to be in attendance at the annual Charity ball, that will take place at the school gymnasium on Friday evening, December 28th.

In the year 1905 Grayling had ten saloons and Frederic five. The combined license fee for those 15 saloons amounted to \$7,500 annually. Each employed from one to three bartenders, getting about \$25.00 per week salaries besides that which didn't get into the cash register. Liquor was shipped into town by the railroad. Almost any day one could run across from one to a dozen drunks on the streets and many more inside the saloons. Money was plenty but the saloon keeper got most of it and the wife and kiddies got what might be left, maybe. Those were the "good old days in Grayling" (?)

Your wife would like one of those Princess cushions. Easy to get, \$5.00 in trade and 99c at Alfred Hanson's Service Station.

#### CHOIR GIVES FINE CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"The Light Eternal," a Christmas cantata, was sung Tuesday evening by the choir of the Michelson Memorial church to a very appreciative audience.

For the past two months this well known choir has been working hard on the songs and for several weeks past they practiced every evening. It would be hard to conceive of a more beautiful interpretation of the masterpiece by Petrie.

The members of the choir are all doing the credit for the success of the cantata to their able director, Mrs. C. G. Clippert. Not only is the latter possessed of high musical ability and training and finished musical talent but also is a leader who is able to get the utmost out of her vocalists. Throughout the long, tiresome hours of practice and work there has never at a single time been the slightest discord or discontent on the part of a single member of the choir. Everyone seemed glad and willing to take whatever part was assigned and then to give the best there was in him. It surely takes rare genius to accomplish such results and Mrs. Clippert does deserve the gratitude of the people of Grayling for the devotion she gives to these affairs that mean pleasure and culture for our community.

It is very modest on the part of the members of the choir in wishing to have their director receive the credit for the success of this cantata, which goes to prove that the choir is made up of a fine type of persons. The public will agree that they too deserve a large degree of credit. Those who attended the musical event Tuesday evening cannot help but be proud of the choir of this fine church. In spite of the fact that several members of the choir were fighting off the flu and were singing under difficulties, they need no alibi for the results. Mr. Webb, father of Mrs. Clippert, who is a talented tenor, got out of a sick bed in order to be with the choir that night. Emerson Brown too was just recovering from a week's illness, and others were having a touch of illness.

The program as sung is as follows:

The Light Eternal  
Text by Bronner. Music by Petrie.  
Director and pianist—Mrs. C. G. Clippert.  
No. 1 Prelude—Mrs. Clippert.  
No. 2 Chorus by choir—Praise the Great Redeemer.  
No. 3 Tenor solo—It Speaks To The World—Mr. Emerson Brown and chorus by choir.  
No. 4 Bass solos—God Hath Given A Son—Mr. Lewis, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Hill and chorus by choir.  
No. 5 Mixed quartette—While Shepherds Watched—Mr. Webb, Mr. Gothro, Mr. Jarmin, Mr. Alexander, with soprano solo—Mrs. Cushman and chorus by choir.  
Ladies quartette—A Multitude Of Voices—Mrs. Milnes, Mrs. Gothro, Miss Hermann, Mrs. Jarmin and chorus by choir.  
Tenor solo—Awake! Awake!—Mr. Jarmin.  
Chorus by choir—From Sea To Sea.

No. 6 Trio—Star of Bethlehem—Mr. Webb, Mr. Jarmin, Mr. Lewis.  
No. 7 Contralto solo—The Dawning—Mrs. Jarmin.  
No. 8 Tenor solo—In the City Of David—Mr. Webb.  
Mixed quartette—He Came To Give Salvation—Mrs. Milnes, Mrs. Jarmin, Mr. Brown, Mr. Alexander.  
No. 9 Soprano solo—Born In A Stable—Mrs. Milnes and chorus by choir.  
No. 10 Tenor solo—The Light Of Glory—Mr. Jarmin and chorus by choir.  
No. 11 Duo—The Message—Mrs. Milnes, Miss Hermann.  
No. 12 Chorus by choir—The Light Of All The World—Tenor solo—Mr. Brown.  
No. 13 Soprano solo—Angel Voices—Mrs. Milnes.  
No. 14 Duo—Lead Me, Eternal Light—Mrs. Milnes, Mr. Webb.  
Duo—I Will Follow—Miss Hermann, Mrs. Jarmin.  
Final chorus by choir—Lead Me.  
We understand that the cantata will be repeated some time after the holidays.

#### MANY DEER KILLED

Hugh Green, chief conservation officer of the department of conservation, has announced that there were 2,955 deer shipped across the Straits of Mackinac during the deer hunting season. Mr. Green believes this number represents 50 per cent of the total deer shot. He pointed out that many animals were shot by up-per peninsula residents while others were bagged by hunters in the lower peninsula. The figure given by Mr. Green indicates that over a thousand more were shipped from Cloverland this year, as compared with last year. Records reveal that 1,144 were carried across in 1927. Other animals to cross the straits and their number follow: Bear, 56; coyote, 26; wolves, 7; bobcats, 7.

#### CHARITY BALL DECEMBER 28TH

#### COMMITTEES BUSY MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR ANNUAL PARTY

The various chairmen—that have been chosen to look after arrangements for the Charity ball, together with the members of their committees are all busy making their plans, and putting forth every effort to make this annual affair a success.

Mrs. Frank Anstett, who is president of the Mercy Hospital Aid society, who sponsors this affair, is also general chairman. Mrs. A. J. Joseph is chairman of the decorating committee and from reports the school gymnasium is going to be very attractive. Something different from former years is being planned by the decorating committee. Mrs. Marius Hanson will have charge of the lunch, while Mrs. C. G. Clippert is chairman of the music. Mrs. Schumann is in charge of the advertising and Mrs. Robert Reagan chairman of the ticket sales.

LaForge's orchestra of Bay City, who have been in Grayling on former occasions will furnish the music and come highly recommended. Tickets are now on sale at \$1.50 per couple. There will be an extra charge for extra ladies and spectators of 50c each, and the lunch will also be extra. Join the merry crowd who are planning to attend the annual Charity ball, which always proves to be the most enjoyable of the holiday festivities.

#### YOUNG LOVELLS LADY MARRIES

Miss Cora C. L. Nephew daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. Nephew of Lovell, was united in marriage to Glen E. Gregg, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gregg of Cadillac on Saturday, December 8th.

The marriage ceremony took place at the home of the groom's parents at seven o'clock in the evening. Dr. Johnstone officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Nephew, brother and sister-in-law of the bride were best man and bridesmaid. The bride was dressed in pink tulle, trimmed in silver. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served to the many relatives and the evening was spent in music and dancing and good time. Before the Reverend left the bride held her little niece Lorna Deer who was christened. There was one drawback to the wedding. The ceremony was five hours late owing to the bridal party being wrecked on their way to Cadillac. The car containing the bride and groom, the bride's mother and little brother and sister and the groom's cousin ran into a telegraph pole and turned over into a deep ditch. No one was hurt except the bride's little brother. The bride received many lovely gifts. They will reside in Flint.

#### SISTER OF WM. J. WOODBURN, MAPLE FOREST, PASSED AWAY

Myrtle L. Woodburn, the daughter of John and Mattie Woodburn was born April 26, 1880 at Webberville, Michigan and died December 14, 1928 in Grace Hospital, Detroit, at the age of 48 years, 7 months and 18 days. She was the second eldest of five children, two of whom preceded her in death.

When Myrtle was fifteen years of age her mother died leaving her to fill the place of a mother to the three younger children when she most faithfully did until the death of her father eleven years later when their home was broken up and she was employed in Grayling and Detroit, later going to Fenton where she made her home with her sister Mrs. Albert Wolterton.

She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Fenton and spent a life of service and devotion to her savior and loved ones. She was perfectly resigned to the plans of God, saying when she trusted knowing "He doeth all things well." She will be sadly missed by her sister with whom she made her home and brother Wm. J. Woodburn of Frederic, two nieces, one nephew, eight cousins and a host of friends who are left to mourn her loss. The remains were brought to Maple Forest and funeral services took place Sunday afternoon.

#### FREDERIC SCHOOLS PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Christmas exercises of the Frederic schools will be given in the gymnasium Friday evening, Dec. 21 beginning at 7:30 Central Standard time.

Careful preparation is being made by the different classes and it is anticipated that the program will be the best ever given in Frederic. Instead of presenting so many single recitations our young people will appear in short plays in which much careful preparation is being given. Santa Claus will be there and anyone wishing to spend a pleasant evening will make no mistake in attending.

#### THE HARDIER SEX

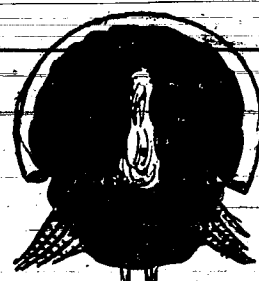
The whistling of a winter's wind has sent many a shiver down our backs. The thought of the pioneers sitting in their log cabins with the cold wind blowing through the cracks has always inspired us with a feeling of awe at their hardihood, but the dress of modern women on a cold winter's day gives us both the shivers and the feeling of awe. As we see them going up and down the street with only sheer silk stockings on their legs as a protection against the wintry blasts we wonder how they can do it.

We are now perfectly willing to concede that woman is the harder sex if when winter comes we are allowed to put on our heavy, draw on a pair of wool stockings and over all bundle a pair of galoshes so securely that there is not the slightest danger of a breath of wind blowing up our pant leg. We had rather be comfortable than try to maintain the untenable position that we are as hardy as they.

Have you noticed how Gene Tunney has dropped out of the limelight? That's what comes of getting married.



**Mac & Gidley**  
Druggists  
PHONE 18



—and a Nice Big Juicy  
**Turkey**

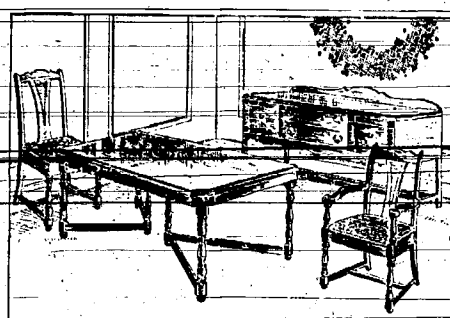
What more can you ask on Christmas day, especially if you place your order for a TURKEY with us. It will be as good, if not better, than the best turkey you ever had. We also have a nice lot of

Geese, Chickens and Ducks.

Give us your order now.

#### Burrow's Market

PHONE No. 2



#### GIVE YOUR HOME A

#### Christmas Gift

A dining room set, a gift that all the family may enjoy each day of the year for many years to come—an ideal Christmas gift, and well within your means if you choose from our stocks.

#### Gift Items of Furniture

Before you complete your gift list, take a few minutes to inspect our offering of gift items for the home.

#### New Stock of

End Tables  
Book Trough Tables  
and Occasional Tables

will be shipped today by express according to a telegram just received from the manufacturers. To replenish our stock at this time gives you an opportunity to select a gift from a greater and better assortment.

Also Visit Us at the

**S. B. Variety Store**

**Sorenson Bros.**

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE FURNITURE.

**Olaf Sorenson & Sons** Phone 105





Practical Gifts are far more sensible and usually more acceptable than presents of trifles or useless luxuries.

A great variety of articles that possess utility as their greatest feature will be found in Hardware.

You can make your selections from Cutlery, Aluminum Ware, Iron Ware, Granite Ware, Wooden Ware, Pyrex, Tools, Skates, Sleds, Skis, Toboggans, etc.

You will be surprised to find how far your Holiday shopping money will go and how appropriately it can be expended in Hardware presents if you choose them at this reliable store.

Cordially yours,

**Grayling Hardware Co.**

## Local Happenings

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1923

Emil Giegling was in Saginaw on business the last of the week.

When you think of slippers think of Daniel Green's comfy slippers.

Ernest and Frederick Hoesli spent a few days in Bay City and Saginaw last week.

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert left Tuesday night to spend a few days in Detroit.

Miss Mildred Kiley of Standish was a guest at the Alex LaGrow home over Sunday.

Two of the Arthur Parker children are ill with pneumonia, Dale the oldest boy and a daughter.

Miss Helen Schumann underwent an operation for removal of tonsils at Mercy Hospital Tuesday.

Looks like winter sports about next week. The toboggan slide will be ready if the weather continues cold.

There is nothing more appreciated than a pair of Daniel Green's comfy slippers for Xmas. Get them at Olson's.

Don't miss the basket ball games at the school gym tonight. Two big games for a small price, adults 30c; children 15c.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank X. Tetu are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son, Frank X. III, born Monday, December 17, at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Adolph Scott, age 6 months and 29 days, little son of Mr. and Mrs. William Scott, passed away at Mercy hospital last Thursday of bronchial pneumonia, having been brought to the hospital a few days previous seriously ill. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon.

Daniel Green's comfy slippers have no equal, get them at Olson's.

Dolls, games and other toys at half price and less. These are left-overs from last year and are offered at bargain prices regardless of cost. Sorenson Bros.

## TONIGHT

THURS., DEC. 20



BOYS

**Charlevoix vs. Grayling**

**Grayling vs. (?)**

First Game 8:00 P. M.  
Admission 15 and 30c

Supl. and Mrs. R. M. Bogue were in Tawas City for over the week end.

Most any outdoor man would appreciate a pair of fancy heavy wool socks for Xmas from Olson's.

A prettily decorated Christmas tree greets patrons on entering the Arnold Burrows meat market and gives the place a cheerful appearance.

Mrs. Alfred Hermann has arrived from Lansing to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates. Mr. Hermann will join her later to spend Christmas here.

Roy Holmberg returned Friday from Big Rapids where he was called early in the week owing to the serious illness of his mother, who was stricken with pneumonia. He passed away while he was there.

Earl Spencer has arrived from Detroit to make his home for the winter with his sister, Mrs. Mae Dixon. She expects her father, William Spencer, to come from Detroit soon to make his home here indefinitely.

The local High girls will play some mysterious undetected team tonight and no one except the coaches know who it is. If you are subjected to fits of curiosity you will want to be there to see who it is. Prices 30 and 15c.

The warm weather over the week end took practically all our snow and ice and with the present snow the roads should be in better condition than before. The icy roads were responsible for many serious accidents.

Ralph Carr after having served a number of days in the local jail and also paying a fine for violation of the game laws, was taken to Bay City to appear in Federal court charged with violation of the prohibition law. His bail was fixed at \$1500.00.

We carry children's zippers in black and red at Olson's.

For \$5.00 in trade and 99c cash you can get a beautiful Princess cushion value \$5, that may be used either in the car, or as a home decoration at Alfred Hanson's Service Station. Or get a hand-painted pillow top for \$5.00 in trade and \$1.98.

Many of the local organizations are having Christmas parties, one of the most enjoyable being the one held by the members of the Eastern Star last Friday night. There was a Christmas tree with a gift for each one, followed by light refreshments.

The state police stationed on M-70 near West Branch, during the hunting season report that 1500 deer were transported by automobile past their station. They also had a record of fourteen moose, twenty-two beaver, six coyotes, two foxes and two wild cats.

Uncle John, whose death was hourly expected, was asked by his weeping wife if he couldn't take a little nourishment. He sniffed the air and said: "Mary, don't I smell ham cooking? I think I could enjoy a few slices." "Oh, no, John," she answered, "that you know is for the funeral."

If a man had a bull pup he would look after it carefully and not let it run all over town at night. But if he had a boy it is different. He is turned loose at an early age to go to the bad. And yet people wonder where the great army of loafers, cigarette fiends and gamblers come from. They are generated from pure seed gathered at home, sown broadcast on the streets and alleys. The boy ought to be given a fair chance with the bull pup.

The Mio Telegram has changed hands and is now owned by the stockholders of the Ogemaw County Herald at West Branch. The name of the newspaper has been changed to The Oscoda County News.

If there is any doubt about there being oil in Northern Michigan, it hasn't shaken the faith of a lot of investors. Several organizations are operating in this region at this time. The North Michigan Land & Oil Co. of Grayling has a crew at work and also the Great Northern Oil Co. of Frederic has begun operation. Another reputed large company is beginning a series of tests near Riverview, according to reports. The one great difficulty in this region is the tremendous overburden of sand of about 400 feet. This is far more difficult to sink a shaft into than heavy soil and rock, according to the claim of some of the drillers. With all the tests that are being made it does seem that a strike should be a certainty, and that it won't be long before the oil flows merrily.

See the new Phoenix pointed heel Bemberg hose. At Olson's.

Dolls, games and other toys at half price and less. These are left-overs from last year and are offered at bargain prices regardless of cost. Sorenson Bros.

## Three More Days to Shop Friday, Saturday and Monday

And we have numerous gifts for the  
"LAST MINUTE" SHOPPER

Throughout the store you will find displays of practical gifts that will delight the receiver.

Ties	Ladies' Gloves	Boy's and Girl's
Handkerchiefs	Robes	Leather Helmets
Hose	Silk Underwear	Wool Hose
Bath Robes	Silk Hosiery	Handkerchief Sets
Shirts	Garter Sets	Gloves and Mitts
Slippers	Shoe Trees	Scarf Sets
Gloves	Handkerchiefs	Sweaters
Sweaters	Lunch Sets	Gowns and
Caps	Silk Scarfs	Pajamas
Scarfs	Towels	Boy's Ties
Gowns	Taffeta Pillows	Hi-top Shoes
Pajamas	Bedroom Slippers	

And hundreds of other Gifts

## Our Best Wishes

WE wish you peace on Christmas Day,  
God's costliest, sweetest gift,  
And may it keep your heart always,  
And ever you uplift.

—Christopher G. Hazard

## Grayling Mercantile Co.

The Quality Store

Grayling, Michigan

Phone 1251

Buy's red or green wool socks at 50c. Wesley LaGrow is home from Pon-tiac to remain until after the holidays and lasts at Olson's. Subscribe for the Avalanche as a days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dreher. Arizona Christmas gift for one of your Christmas. Mrs. Alex LaGrow. He has been Patrow of Detroit are expected Saturday. They will enjoy it the spending a few days in Standish this week. parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

## To our many Friends and Patrons

The Season's  
Greetings  
and  
Best Wishes

May this friendly  
Christmas greeting  
Throughout each line repeat  
The joys we'd like to send  
To make your happiness  
complete



**Grayling  
5c to Dollar  
Store**

## Useful Xmas Gifts



## Special

60 pair

\$1.00 Felt Slippers

to go at

75c per pair

## Hosiery

for

Men and Women  
in fancy  
Christmas Boxes

## Fancy

Heavy Wool Sox  
for Men

Children appreciate  
a nice pair of Zip-  
pers, Wool Stockings  
or Mittens. Come in  
and  
look them over.

**Olson's Shoe Store**



# A Christmas Card

By MARTHA RANNEY THOMAS

Had a picket fence of white  
Around a snowy garden,  
And tiny flames of candle-light  
Shone on the window-sills at night  
As if to ask a pardon

Of a little boy who rang the bell,  
(He wore two bright red mittens.)  
The candles' shining seemed to tell  
That all within was very well,  
And several fuzzy kittens

Came following behind the boy  
(Some friends of his most likely.)  
Their tails were waving plumes  
of joy  
And every kitten had a toy  
And carried it politely.

I think that they had come to call  
And bring a Christmas present;  
I saw a trumpet and a ball  
A doll, a cart, and that's not all  
It looked extremely pleasant.

I wish that little boy was me,  
I've wished it every minute;  
How awfully jolly it would be  
To walk into that house and see  
Who's really living in it!

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## POPULAR THRIFT CHIEF

### FACTOR IN ELIMINATION OF POVERTY

(By S. W. Straus, President American Society for Thrift.)

The statement often is made that this is a materialistic age. Americans particularly are criticised at times for their so-called materialism. Much of the world's progress, however, has been due to materialism. The construction of railroads and highways and the building of our great cities have, to a considerable extent, been the result of materialistic impulses.

It may be said, moreover, that the spirit of our materialism has been softened by humanitarian impulses. This fact is borne in upon us with particular emphasis at this time of year when there is so much activity in preparation for the holiday season and when such tremendous sums are being donated by charities to help persons to the needy and unfortunate. It is a fine commentary on our citizenship to find so much thought and attention given to matters of this kind.

It is not out of keeping with current thought, however, to call attention to the fact that a great amount of the poverty and distress of the world is due to the lack of thrift. An old philosopher once wrote that "the highest step and the summit of charity's golden ladder is to so aid a man that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to the dreadful alternative of holding out his hands for charity."

Truly it may be said that we help others most when we help them to help themselves. In the earlier days of our civilization, when the growth of poverty was in England, most numbers of charity associations. Persons who were in need were given alms to alleviate their temporary condition. The knowledge developed out of these early activities that charity of this description often encouraged idleness. As time advanced, society learned that the best way to combat poverty was to encourage industry. Due to the popular development of thrift habits, poverty is gradually being eliminated, although there always will be those who, temporarily at least, will need charity.

But we should remember that when we encourage thrift upon the part of our individual citizens, we are moving them toward the possibility of ever becoming a charitable object.

### SAID HE:

While we're talking about advertising we would like to mention a statement made by John Wamamaker. "The man who pays more for real estate than he does for advertising makes a serious mistake." That he is right is abundantly reflected in the phenomenal success which Wamamaker made in his business.

It has been said that advertising is the greatest factor in business today. It is the mighty power that makes the wheels of industry go round, the lever that moves the world. Your business needs it. Every business needs it. Do you use it as you should?

Scientists say that the next deadly war will be between mosquitoes and humans. When this contest starts, watch the women put on more clothes!

### L. B. Schofield



L. B. Schofield has been appointed director of public safety in Philadelphia to succeed Harry C. Davis. The change in the position is seen as a step towards ending the bitter feeling caused by the findings of the special grand jury of graft and corruption in the bureau of police.

## CHRISTMAS!

By James Edward Hungerford

CHRISTMAS! The magical, musical ring of it—  
No finer word in the world can be found!  
Molded and made for us mortals to sing of it—  
Full of the "single" that makes pulses pound!

CHRISTMAS! The life and the rhythm and THRILL of it!  
"Dear, loving word that was made to impart  
HAPPINESS, friends—may you all have  
your FILL of it—  
Feeling the throbb of it deep in your HEART!

CHRISTMAS! It's coming to wipe away  
care again—  
Blotting out memories tragic and drear,  
Bringing rich BLESSINGS for mankind to share again—  
Filling our hearts with the magic of CHEER!

CHRISTMAS! To some it means COURAGE to start again;  
Help for the halper; and strength for  
the struggler—  
Giving the hopeless a chance to take heart again—  
God's loving gifts to humanity's throne.

CHRISTMAS! We all love the sound and the sing of it—  
Sinner and saint, and the godless and good;  
Hearts of the world all respond to the ring of it—  
Bringing mankind into one BROTHERHOOD!

CHRISTMAS! All Nations thrice to the THRILL of it—  
Paupers and peasants; the rich and renowned;  
Spirit of Love—may we bow to the WILL of it—  
Then we'll have CHRISTMAS the whole year around!

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## ONION, HISTORIC FOOD, CROP REMAINS FAVORITE IN DIET

From the earliest times of which we have authentic records the onion has been highly esteemed as an article of food. In desert regions it was early used also as a preservative of food.

But we should remember that when we encourage thrift upon the part of our individual citizens, we are moving them toward the possibility of ever becoming a charitable object.

The onion, says Mr. Beattie, belongs to a widely variable species, Allium cepa, which forms a part of the botanical family of plants which includes many of the lilies, the several forms of asparagus and smilax, and similar plants with a scaly or fleshy enlarged root. A characteristic of this family is that most of its species grow naturally upon soil having an abundance of moisture, many of them being natives of low-lying areas along the seashore.

Another characteristic of plants like the onion and asparagus is that they will withstand considerable "salt" in the soils on which they grow. Conditions favorable to onion culture are found in many sections of the United States and the crop is widely grown.

Onion growers for many years are likely to stimulate heavy production the next year. This is true not only because commercial growers expand their acreage but also because good prices will lead many individuals to plant onions in small patches or home gardens that supply more than the needs of the growers and so enter the local markets in competition with the field-grown crop. Onions demand intensive culture, which makes them particularly adaptable for truck patch and back-lot cultures, in which the grower can cultivate and weed them in the time outside his usual hours of employment. The average yield of an acre of onions is about 200 bushels. But on soils that are suitable and fertile good cultivation often results in yields of from 400 to 600 bushels an acre.

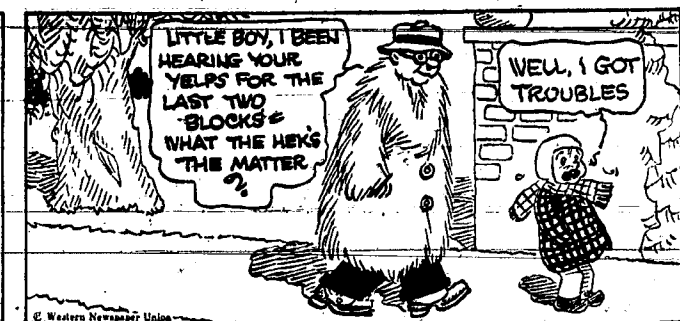
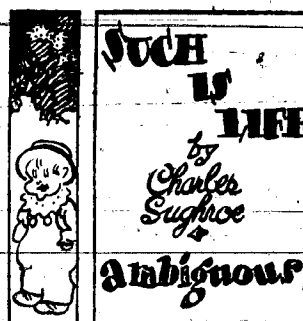
## BIG DEMAND FOR MUSKRAT LICENSES

The muskrat license business has hit peaks that department of conservation officials had reason to believe would never be attained. Preparations were made to handle 25,000 licenses and the necessary forms were secured to take care of that number. It was felt at the time that number of licenses would be for any unlooked for numbers. It developed, however, that nearly 30,000 sought the licenses and additional equipment was ordered to take care of the rush.

## Monument to Great Jurist Unveiled



Miss Sara Tyler Marshall Warren, a descendant of the former Chief Justice Marshall of the United States, unveiling the monument erected over the grave of the famous jurist near his birthplace in Midland, Va. The monument is constructed of the stone from the chimney of the original Marshall homestead.



## Father Sage Says

If a woman only knew her husband as well before marriage as she does after the chances are that she would marry some other fellow.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph Sullivan late of the Township of Grayling, in said County, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the tenth day of December A. D. 1928, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the village of Grayling in said county, on or before the 10th day of April A. D. 1929, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 16th day of April A. D. 1929, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated this tenth day of December A. D. 1928.

GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

12-13-4

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

County of Crawford.

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A true copy.

George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

11-20-4

A woman in Poland was married to six men at one time before the police arrested her on a charge of polygamy. In the parlance of the movies she must have had "it."

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Lots 7 and 8, Block 7, Second Addition to Portage Lake Park. Amount paid \$8.05 tax for 1926 \$1.82.

Signal: C. M. White and Clara N. White.

Place of business: 111 So. Chestnut St. Lansing, Mich.

11-29-4

## DIRECTORY

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PROBATE COURT

Crawford County, Mich.

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GEORGE SORENSON

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## RECORD OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special meeting held on the 8th day of October A. D. 1928 Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order



NEWS REVIEW OF  
CURRENT EVENTSVaried Efforts to Prevent  
War Between Bolivia  
and Paraguay.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

WAR between Bolivia and Paraguay seemed probable last week until near the close of the period, when it was reported that the Bolivian government might consent to arbitrate the quarrel. Both nations claim the Gran Chaco region and the present trouble was precipitated by a clash between their border troops. The Bolivians considered, and still consider, that their national honor was grossly insulted and they have been eagerly clamoring for hostilities. The government resigned so that a new one, composed of the leaders of all parties, could be formed; the general staff called to the colors the class of 1920; defense committees were formed, and men, women and children in the cities paraded with flags and shouts for war. President Siles told his people that he did not wish war and would do all he could to avoid it, but that if Bolivians were forced to go to war to defend their national honor, he would go with them.

Paraguay, which would not be able long to carry on warfare, was taking what steps she could to face the situation. A non-partisan board of national defense was formed and President Guggiarri called on all the political chiefs for collaboration.

Meanwhile various agencies were trying earnestly to avert the threatened hostilities. The council of the League of Nations, to which Paraguay had appealed, urged that the quarrel be settled peacefully; and in Washington the international conference of American states on conciliation and arbitration, which began its sessions Monday, immediately took up the matter, pleading with the two belligerent republics to arrange their differences "peacefully and in a spirit of justice, concord, and of fraternity."

Argentina and Chile both offered their services as mediators. At first the Bolivian delegation in the Pan American conference, headed by Dr. de Medina, minister to Washington, announced it had been instructed to take no part in the sessions until the trouble with Paraguay had been settled; but on Wednesday, after Secretary of State Kellogg had communicated with the government at La Paz, the Bolivians were told to resume their seats. This was taken as an indication that general warfare between the two republics would be averted. Mr. Kellogg, as chairman of the conference, named a conciliation committee of five, the United States being represented by Charles Evans Hughes, and the gathering of data on the conflict began at once.

TRAVELING 6,450 miles from the African jungle to London in nine days and twelve hours, the prince and princess of Wales reached the British capital last night and from the moment of their landing the smiles of King George seemed to grow better. The danger of the monarch's death did not pass entirely, however, and the British people and all the world continued to watch the bulletins with anxiety. The king's physicians immediately after the arrival of the prince and princess prepared to take the more radical measures they believed necessary to save the king's life, and on Wednesday they performed two operations to remove the purulent fluid at the base of the right lung. The bulletins of the doctors said the operations were successful and that the condition of the king was satisfactory. The fact that the king was strong enough to undergo the operations gave increased hope of his ultimate recovery.

HERBERT HOOVER'S Latin American tour may yet be embellished by some exciting incidents, though the authorities of the countries he visits are so alert that this seems improbable. Last week, just before the President-Elect started on the railway journey across the Andes, the police of Buenos Aires, Argentina, uncovered a plot of anarchists to blow up Mr. Hoover's train in the outskirts of the city. Raiding a house, the police seized dynamite bombs, hand grenades, pistols and ammunition and arrested two young men. In the house was found a detailed map of the railway system. One of the prisoners was said to have made a full confession of the plot to destroy the Hoover special train.

Mr. Hoover's two days' visit in Chile was pleasant and colorful. Though he had called a request for simplicity, his reception in Santiago was most elaborate. President Carlos Ibanez, the dictator of the republic, met him dressed in a general's uniform and the parade through the streets was a grand military display. The chief guests rode in carriages drawn by four horses, with gorgeous outriders and footmen. At a banquet given by the government Mr. Hoover announced his policy for the encouragement of government and private loans in Latin America for reproductive works only, such as public works and transportation. When the receptions and slighting were over the Hoover party started across the Andes to Argentina on a special train, making brief stops at many little towns. Buenos Aires was reached late Thursday afternoon and President Irigoyen was on hand to receive the guests. The usual round of ceremonial affairs followed. Sunday morning Mr. Hoover and his party went on an Argentine warship to Montevideo, Uruguay, where the U. S. S. Ohio met them to convey them to Rio de Janeiro.

U. S. A. - A. G. GRANT, THIRD. U. S. A. has been given charge of all the arrangements for the inauguration of Hoover on March 4, and Maj. Gen. Charles P. Summerall, chief of staff, has accepted the post of grand marshal for the occasion and will manage the parade. This appointment follows precedent. The first

President-Elect has asked that the ceremony be as simple as possible.

SIX weeks of negotiations, culminating in a conference of Mr. Austin Chamberlain, Aristide Briand and Gustav Stresemann in Lugano, resulted in an agreement of the allies and Germany that the committee of experts should assemble in Paris about the end of December and finally fix the total amount of reparations Germany must pay and the method of payment. France, however, stipulates that the decisions of the experts "are not necessarily binding on the governments," so it is not certain that the great problem will be definitely solved. It is specified that the American experts "have no official mandate and shall be merely American citizens chosen for their competence by the reparations commission." Germany carried its contention that the reparations parley be absolutely independent of considerations either of the Rhineland evacuation or of the war debts of the allies.

ROMANIA held its first free parliamentary election Wednesday and it passed off quietly throughout the kingdom. As had been predicted, the peasant party headed by Premier Iuliu Maniu scored an overwhelming victory. The independent reformer minister of the interior estimated that the peasants had got a full 85 per cent of all the ballots cast. Some 8 or 10 per cent went to the Liberals headed by Bratiano and the remainder to the Hungarian minority. It appears that the two extremist groups, the Anti-Semites and the Communists, will not have a single seat out of 370 seats. Maniu himself, though an Albanian, chose to stand for election in Bucharest and received 68 per cent of the vote there.

THE 100th anniversary edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch appeared an article written by President Coolidge telling of the demands on the time of the President and suggesting that the government provide a country White House, a modest place in the hills, near Washington to which the chief executive might go for brief periods of rest. The idea was seized upon by Representative C. A. Woodrum, Democrat of Virginia, and he introduced a resolution for the establishment of a temporary White House in Virginia. The measure he offered directs the public buildings commission, a joint commission of the house and senate, to select a tentative site and report as soon as practicable the approximate cost of erecting a suitable mansion.

REPRESENTATIVE dam was the subject of a protracted debate in the senate and a lot of log rolling and deal-making. California and Arizona reached a compromise on the diversion of water from the Colorado river. The bill was amended so that California's allotment shall be 4,400,000 acre feet annually out of 7,500,000 acre feet assigned to California, Arizona and Nevada. Senators Ashurst and Hayden of Arizona abandoned their filibuster and it appeared likely that the measure, with further amendments, would be adopted by the senate.

To avoid a threatened filibuster in the house the leaders of the body promised that a congressional reorganization bill would be brought to the floor soon after the holiday recess. The census committee, under pressure, reported favorably a pending measure which proposes a redistribution of seats in the house on the basis of the 1920 census.

HOOPER'S proposed farm relief plan now has the support of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Frank O. Lowden, in a letter read at the federation's closing session in Chicago, urged the farmers to support the legislative proposal of the President-Elect and a resolution to that effect was adopted. The federation announced that at the beginning of the new year a nation-wide cooperative marketing service would be instituted by it. Through this department live stock, grain, and other markets will be analyzed to serve the commercial interests of 30,000,000 farmers. Frank Evans, the federation's general counsel and head of its marketing department, explained that two years had been spent in preparing for the operation of the service department.

DELEGATES from forty nations, some of them distinguished aviators, held a three-day international aviation conference in Washington. Invited thereto by President Coolidge. The time was chosen as the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first heavier-than-air flight of the Wright brothers, and Orville Wright was present as a member of the American delegation and also as the guest of honor of the conference. Mr. Coolidge in his speech of welcome spoke of the present and future of the aeronautic science and industry, and Assistant Secretary of Commerce MacFarquhar, who presided, reviewed the history of aviation and told of its progress in America.

H. O. M., otherwise the Mexican Federation of Labor, which has been a power in the government of our neighbor republic for years and stirred up much of the trouble with the United States, is crumbling in ruin. As a political party it has been blacklisted by the Obregonistas and its own ranks are split wide open. State governments that support it are to be boycotted. Many of the unions, led by the union of newspaper editors and reporters of the federal district, have seceded from the federation.

MICHIGAN has another of those life imprisonment cases that stir up the foes of prohibition—and a great many other people. This time it is a woman, the mother of ten children, who was found guilty in Lansing of a fourth violation of the liquor law. It is possible the woman, Mrs. Etta Mae Miller, may escape the life sentence through appeal to the Supreme court.

INFLUENZA became epidemic everywhere. A large part of the country and federal and local health organizations worked hard to combat it. A number of colleges and schools were closed until after the holidays. The epidemic was at its height and was spreading

## Christmas Morning



eastward. Fortunately the cases are under control in 1918; the proportion of deaths being much smaller.

JAMES A. PATTEN, Chicago financier and philanthropist, formerly known as the "wheel king" died in his suburban home at the age of seventy-six. He had acquired great riches but had expended vast sums for the benefit of mankind, so he was sincerely mourned.

THE THING IN  
HANDBy THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois

The things which I have to do today, for it is early morning as I am writing these sentences, are very commonplace things, and for the most part very uninteresting ones. I must, as soon as breakfast is over, see a half dozen people on a rather disagreeable subject, and then must drive fifty miles to make a speech. It is raining, and I know that the drive will be rather a dull one, and even when conditions are favorable for speech making, I never feel slighted if at any gathering I am not called upon to speak. The year is almost ended, and the tasks which have come to me during the past nine months have not been easy tasks. I am thinking forward with more than ordinary eagerness to a vacation away from the routine which regularly occupies my waking hours. I am balanced, enough, however, and I have had enough experience to realize that it is the task in hand which for me is the really important thing in life, as it is for you. I must meet very disagreeable people and settle their difficulties as well as is in my power. I must make my speech with as much force and magnetism and directness of application as I can. If the rain comes down on the way, still I am dry and comfortable within and the fields between which I pass as I drive along are greener and fresher because of the rain. It is a season which we might all well learn that the task in hand, soiled and uninteresting as it may often seem, is for each of us the most important thing in his life, and helps at ways in the satisfactory accomplishment of which we never come later.

I have known I have for forty years or more. He has never on or well, so has never been satisfied with what he has engaged in. He has engaged in a dozen times during those years. The job in hand has never been to his liking, has never seemed to him quite the work to which he could give his best efforts. It has always been the thing in the distance which he figured him and out of which he felt he could make something. He has never learned the importance of the thing in hand.

Here's Another Angle  
I do not greatly enjoy people who have only to ask for money, and it gives them. It seems to me that existence in which an individual has a lot of money is not a feature more or less, but a burden. In the Portland Oregonian

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Greeting  
for an  
Old Friend

By Myrtle Kim C. Chapman

IN DEVONSHIRE, of old they say,  
Upon the eve of Christmas day,  
They take the elder, and would  
Upon the apple trees, a store,  
Of fruit for next year to invoke.  
This quaint rite of the rural folk  
Is still observed on Christmas eve.  
By some in Devon, I believe.

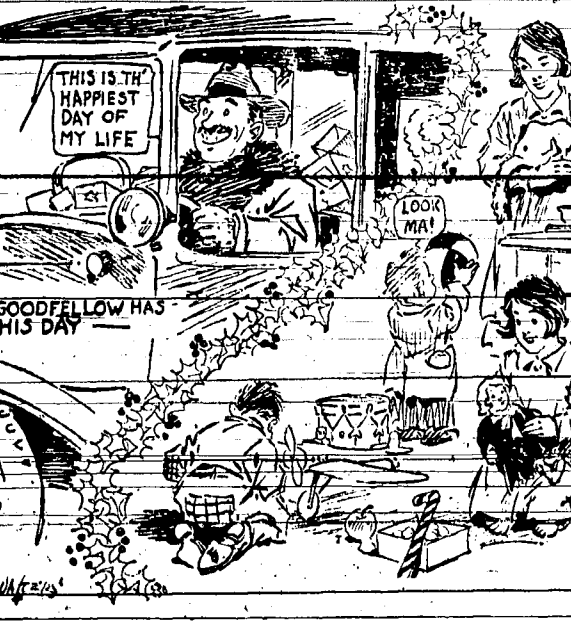
And now I take the juices brewed  
Of old time play, and laughter,  
Of sharing glad and stormy  
weather,  
Of joy and sorrow known  
together.  
Fondly I pour them on the trees  
Of our good friendship, in the  
trees.

Be many, in the coming year,  
Of fellowship and kindly cheer.

## Pacific Will Be King of U. S. Dogs



## All Are Happy



Austin of Detroit is the guest of Mrs. Margaret Weiss over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gorman returned from East Jordan Tuesday where they had been in attendance at the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. Rose Gorman, who passed away Friday. Mrs. Gorman was the mother of thirteen children, eleven of whom survive. She had been ill for a long time.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?  
That people are well-sold on the advantages of buying from persistent advertisers?  
That quality and advertising pull together in an intelligent way?  
That steady advertising leads to a steady business? It keeps old customers.  
That persistent advertising brings new customers and causes them to come back for more?  
That business concerns who have the best quality and service advertise and sell them?  
That advertising inspires confidence because it offers protection to buyers and profits to sellers?  
That advertising is a tremendous factor in the building of business? Without it, no business can succeed.

That the right kind of advertising of the right kind of business or service will always bring better business?  
That advertised lines are in demand; unknown lines are not. Profits are made on sales—not on "shelf warmers."  
When a merchant makes a dollar on well advertised merchandise and loses a dollar on unknown merchandise, it should not take him long to find out which is the more profitable to handle.

## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Boston is boasting of one citizen who says he has never heard of Smith or Hoover. Wouldn't he make an ideal juror?

The old fashioned man who used to split kindling and carry it in the wood for mother now has a son who gets all his exercise in a gym suit.

Lady Astor denies that women want to be superior to men. Perhaps she thinks they just can't help it.

One thing which bothers us is where would you put the tail light on a dirigible airship?

It is claimed that combats in the Dutch East Indies eat the tax collectors that are sent abroad. They must have pretty good teeth.

The bootleggers now advise during our Christmas shopping early so that it will have some use on it by the time the holidays roll around.

One of our friends is taking a belated tour through New England. He says he hopes to get to Bath by Saturday night.

The progress of the towns on the main highway is evidenced by the number and condition of their filling stations.

Somebody has bombed an Ohio newspaper man's home. He must have made a mistake in describing the bride's costume. —Dallas News.

There were no disturbances in the Nicaragua election because the prospective disturbers were afraid somebody would tell it to the marines.

One problem for the modern man is to live luxuriously enough to make the neighbors jealous, and humble enough not to cause the suspicions of the income tax department.

When every family owns a radio, doubtless the high power salesmen will begin advocating a radio for every room.

By cracking wide open the Solid South has got itself into the position where the politicians will have to give it some attention in the next campaign.

We have never yet run across a man with an imagination keen enough to visualize how happy Europe would be to cancel our debts if we owed her anything.

Mr. Hoover won't be at home on Christmas eve. But then Santa Claus has already been pretty good to him.

## Jersey Ensemble



## MRS. HARDER SENDS MESSAGE

Hillsboro, Kansas.

Dec. 17, 1928  
To Mr. Schumann and the office of Crawford County, and to others to whom it may concern:  
As Christmas time draws so near we feel our hearts filled with thanks to God for the gift of all good things. Have felt it every day all the year round but more so at this time. And I do feel to express it in words thru the Grayling paper altho I do not have words to do it. First of all I do thank you Mr. Schumann, for the sending of the Crawford Avalanche. And as I read in it about the sum of \$77.00 paid for the funeral of my husband, Mr. Henry Harder, my heart was greatly moved. Oh what a scene it brought back to me. Words cannot express. And altho tears do flow often, I do lean on the everlasting arms of Jesus who at the time I set that awful message said to me: "Fear not, I will not leave nor forsake you." Trusting in him, I thank you once more and wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. God bless you.  
Mrs. Maria H. Harder.

## A TENUOUS ARGUMENT

About the thinnest argument submitted by the foes of prohibition for a reconsideration of the liquor question is that based on the terrible physical effects of "moonshine" and other offerings of the plebeian bootlegger. It is a cobwebby argument because it is based on the accusation that liquor is a necessity. Since we must drink intoxicating liquors, the argument would run, restore the good liquors of pre-Victorian days and keep men away from present-day poisons.

All such arguments are based on a false idea as to liberty. They assume that a man should have full liberty in the matter of his pleasures, and that the state has no business meddling with the exercise of his liberty. It is a cobwebby argument because it is based on the accusation that liquor is a necessity. Since we must drink intoxicating liquors, the argument would run, restore the good liquors of pre-Victorian days and keep men away from present-day poisons.

The fact that the things a man may want to do for his own pleasure run counter to the best interests of the social group does not make the advocate of "personal liberty." He was not convinced that this country took a referendum on the prohibition question on the sixth of November, nor will he be convinced that the restriction of "personal liberty" is a necessary safeguarding society from the chief, the gambler and the painter should apply to the vendor of intoxicating drinks as well. —Paul L. Corbin.

## WINTER DRIVING

The Michigan Department of Safety is about to launch another campaign for safe driving in the state. Motorists will be asked to see that the mechanical equipment of their car is in perfect driving condition, they will be cautioned about the rules of the road, they will be warned that reckless driving brings a huge toll of lost lives and suffering.

During the winter months driving is made more hazardous by the slippery condition of the roads. Speed that is ordinarily safe during the summer months becomes dangerous to everybody using the highways. During the winter months railroad crossings, intersections, all curves and hills should be approached with caution. It is not a matter of time to bring your car to a stop in time to avoid an accident under these conditions, but accidents of this nature can be cut to a minimum if one regulates the speed of their machine to conform to road conditions during this dangerous time of the year.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the Village of Grayling in said County on the 19th day of December A. D. 1928.

Present: Hon. George Sorenson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph Sullivan, late of the Township of Frederic, said County of Crawford, deceased. The duly appointed administrator having filed in said court his petition for license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein described.

It is ordered, that the 14th day of January A. D. 1929, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and the same shall be a day for hearing said petition, and that the said administrator do appear before said court at said time and place, to show cause why a license to sell at private sale the interest of said estate in said real estate should not be granted.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

GEORGE SORENSON,  
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.  
George Sorenson,  
Judge of Probate.

12-20-4

## Want Ads

FOR SALE—One wood heater and one hard coal heater. Both in first class condition. Phone 113-R, Roy Holmberg.

STRAYED—To my place, 1 Shropshire ram. Ed. Feldhauser, Star Route No. 1, Grayling, Mich.

FOR SALE—Several houses and lots, two vacant lots and a place well fitted for a business place, located on U. S. 27. Also blacksmith shop on U. S. 27. Inquire of O. P. Schumann, administrator Palmer Estate.

BARGAIN OFFER FOR 200 ACRES—Close to Grayling. Look this over if interested. O. P. Schumann, realtor, Avalanche Bldg., Phone 111.



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**Grayling Cook Book**

Where you can find all the wonderful recipes for your Christmas dinner, by the ladies of Grayling. Or give one for a

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Your friends will appreciate them. There are a limited number left at

**\$1.00 each****St. Mary's Altar Society****SCHOOL NOTES**

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counted for all of the West Branch score. Both teams have the ability to play better basketball than they showed Friday night.

The various classes have been drawing up their creeds for the Student Council.

Assembly was turned on by the Girls Glee Club last Wednesday. This was the first time the student body has had the privilege of their presence before them this year, and I am sure they all look forward to it again soon. The second and third grades rendered a song to the program, and the fourth and fifth grades also took part. These young singers showed excellent training and were enjoyed by everyone. Mr. Hill led the group singing as usual.

Last Friday morning the students were surprised to see an old acquaintance back to see them again. Mr. Tedrow of the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia. Mr. Tedrow has come for a number of years now, for the purpose of securing subscriptions for the magazines he represents. "The Saturday Evening Post," "The Ladies Home Journal," and "The Country Gentleman." The students were divided into sides, one red, under the leadership of Clara Bugby and Charles Wylie, the greens being led by Elizabeth Matson and William Gartner. These leaders in turn being under the leadership of Eleanor Gorman who, as Mr. Tedrow says, is "the champion lion tamer" of the circus. Many valuable premiums are given for sales of these magazines, and everyone seems to be busy trying to earn one.

Perhaps some of the pupils outside of the history students wonder why all the "Oh's and Ah's" certain days. They are usually heard just when classes are passing. Well, when we go to history class and see a large map covering the blackboard, we know that we have an exam. Miss Ester looked us at first but now we are getting wise. When school first started, we thought nothing of it, the joke was on us then. Now we are all prepared, have our pencils and paper out, books put away, and are anxiously waiting until the map is taken away, wondering "Do I know the first question? Well, I'll make a stab at it anyway." She will have to try a different plan now.

Mr. Cushman postponed basketball practice Wednesday, Dec. 12, due to the fact that he had to get a hair cut. He thought the barber would have 3 hours, work and then it would be too late. Upon entering the barber shop he asked the barber if he wasn't the one who cut his hair last time.

The barber-eyed him up and down and replied: "No, I have only worked here 2 years." Some hair!

At the assembly of Dec. 12, Mr. Cushman asked all those who could to go out to the lake and work on the slides to try and get them ready. Mr. Cushman also said that it would be a good thing if they would let only those who helped use the slides free of charge.

Class meetings were held Wednesday, Dec. 12, to get a citizenship creed for Grayling High School. The creed will be under such headings as: conduct, sportsmanship, scholarship, cooperation, spirit, etc.

The Geometry class is taking up architecture. Every one has made a plan of either the first or second floor of the school. Some very good ones have been handed in. Helen Lietz was the only one who received A. The students will rearrange the rooms to their liking.

The Juniors had a candy sale at the West Branch-Grayling basketball game last Friday night. Quite a sum was made to add to their treasury of this year.

The High School Girls Glee club appeared in the evening services of the Methodist church last Sunday night for the third time. This time their program was made up of Christmas songs.

The Seniors held a class meeting last Wednesday afternoon for the final drawing up of the creed for the Student Council. The class was divided into four parts, each working on a different subject. After these had been drawn up they were handed to a committee for final inspection and then it was turned over to the Council.

Most of the students are working like "nailers" in an effort to catch up in all of their back work before Christmas vacation. Naturally everyone wants to be able to leave his books in his desk and face vacation with only a good time in view and a clear conscience.

Everything is taking on an air of importance with the usual bustle preceding Christmas vacation.

The English Literature classes have completed their study of "Paradise Lost" by John Milton and found it exceedingly interesting and unusual. We are now reviewing and studying Mrs. Bogue's thorough instruction we expect to know it as well as our ABC's. If we don't it will not be her fault.

Ida Canfield—Do you know I got 100 today?

Corrine Sheldon—Good for you.

**What in?**

Ida C.—Well I got 40 in American History and 60 in Civics.

Miss Kate—Steve, who was Aaron Burr? Give me a good discussion, please.

Steve S.—W-why he was a man. Dorothy Hoelsi enjoyed the week end at the home of her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kneff. While there Dorothy spent most of the time rabbit hunting.

Arthur Williams is out again because of illness.

Everyone is eagerly looking forward to Christmas vacation, which is just one week away.

Friday morning we had assembly to get ready for a magazine sale which will provide the basketball teams with new sweatshirts.

The Girl Scouts are having a party tonight. We all hope they will have a good time.

Charles Taylor is absent from school on account of the measles.

An epidemic of influenza is going around and we must guard ourselves very carefully in order to check this before it gets as bad as it was in 1918.

The American History classes are studying about The Monroe Doctrine and The Missouri Compromise, this week.

Next Friday afternoon the high school is planning a program and Christmas tree for the school will be out for two whole weeks. We're not sorry.

School will commence again on Monday, January 7th.

**Mitchell Memorial Church**

John Wilfred Greenwood, Minister.

**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY PROGRAMS**

10:30 a. m. "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation."  
7:30 p. m. "What Christmas means to me."

There's a Star in the Sky  
The ancients used to say that the highest of all learning is the knowledge of the stars. That to trace their courses is to untangle the threads of life from the beginning to the end.

Years ago, wise men set out to follow a guiding star. It moved across their skies until it hovered over the spot where the Christ-child lay. So it has been called the Star of Bethlehem.

It would have surely been error on their part had they been satisfied to render devotion to the immortal star that would never have brought them to the incarnation of Divine Love.

In our day, there are so many stars in our sky. The star of fraternalism, as evidenced by our lodges is a star of unusual luster. Many find their gaze fixed upon that star. The star of a Christian home shines with unusual brightness. The love of man is not the final answer to our eternal quest.

These stars in our skies only have meaning and purpose insofar as they become guides to lead us onto the Christ Child. If we are satisfied to merely admire the star, then we are indulging in a vain worship. May this Christmas time find you following the Star until you come where the Heart of the Universe beats in tender devotion for you; in the breast of the babe called Jesus.

**CRIME CODE ASSAILED**

Michigan's crime code, hailed as the most forward piece of legislation in recent years, is being assailed in every portion of the state, especially that section of the code in which life imprisonment is demanded for persons four times convicted of a felony. The 1927 legislature, which passed the law, failed to designate what crimes should be classified as felonies and what should be prosecuted in circuit court jurisdiction. The failure of the legislature to do this has brought about many divergent opinions.

Since the code became a part of our criminal laws, several persons have been given life sentences following four convictions against the prohibition laws. Many people feel these sentences were too severe. In some counties prosecutors have refused to prosecute those charged with a fourth offense, realizing the severity of the sentence to follow conviction.

Regardless of our opinions the crime code should not be weakened. If injustice has been done a single individual, Governor Green has indicated that recourse to executive clemency can be sought as a remedy. He has already asked that investigations be made of each individual case.

The crime code was society's answer to the crime wave that swept over this country since the close of the World War. To weaken it now would give encouragement to those preying upon society at a time when we have the evildoers on the run. If prohibition violations should be defined as misdemeanors the next session of the legislature can amend the statutes. If there are other discrepancies in the present law they can be adjusted. We should strengthen, not weaken, our position in this war against the criminal classes. We can't do it by assailing the law.

These folks who believe in evolution must get a lot of joy out of going to the zoo and feeding peanuts to their ancestors.

The way to avoid that extra session of Congress, of course, is by enacting such legislation as is needed this winter. Indianapolis News.

**LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS TO THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FUND**

The Grayling Board of Trade wishes to take this opportunity to thank the people who so liberally subscribed to the Community Christmas Fund and to the ladies of the Woman's and Goodfellowship clubs who so ably assisted.

The following is a list of subscribers to the fund which amounted to the sum of \$339.50.

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R. D. Conine, 50 lbs. peanuts.  
Nick Scholtz, 1 crate oranges.  
O. Sorenson & Sons, 1 box pop corn.

Mrs. Thos. Cassidy, 5 lbs. potatoes.  
Julius Nelson, 4 lbs. potatoes.

**LOVELL'S NEWS**

Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon of Lovell has moved to Lovells for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nephew gave a party for their daughter Gera who was a bride at last week.

Mr. Edgar Gaid who was teaching school in Lovell has resigned and is back in Lovells for the winter.

Mrs. Henry Kenney is visiting her daughter Mrs. George Stuart.

Everybody is busy cutting Christmas trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duty and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nephew and baby Lorina Deer spent a few days in Saginaw.

George Young and family have moved to Grayling.

Mr. Frank Eaman of Detroit was in Lovells for a few days.

**Only One Guess Needed**

Our guess is that there would be something wrong with Utopia.—Toledo Blade.

# The Gift Shop

## Closing for repairs right after Christmas

We want to reduce our stock to its lowest point, so to have less to pack away out of workmen's road.

**Prices Reduced Throughout the Store.**

**Coats 1-3 off**  
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**Children's Coats and Buntings**

18 sheets white tissue wrapping paper—5c  
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Our stock of Children's Toys all to go at cost, and lots for 1-3 their value. See our stock before buying.

# Cooley's Gift Shop

**THE LOCAL MERCHANT**

Everyone is not succeeding in business these days. Success depends upon keeping up with or ahead of the times instead of behind.

The local merchant must realize that these have been changes. The mail order houses was the first important change in merchandising. Now comes the chain stores. That these elements are sound financially is shown by their progress over the course of years.

The local merchant deals, not merely with competition that may be new, but deals with a public with a different buying power than heretofore. He deals with a public whose desires have been formed by an unlimited opportunity to choose, select and buy.

To stay in business the local merchant must realize the strong points, as well as the weaknesses of his competition. He must strike at the weak points and adapt for himself the elements of strength. He must do what others do and then some.

The local merchant is doing good business today. He would not if he had remained in the rut of 10 and 20 years ago. The next decade will call for still larger progress, still larger progress, still more ability in supplying the local demands of local people.—Grand Rapids (Minn.) Herald-Review.

**Father Sage Says:**

Some men are always wanting people to tell them how good looking they are, but a woman will stand before a mirror and see for herself.

Had it ever occurred to you that one way to solve the prohibition enforcement law would be for everyone who complains about it, to quit drinking bootleg liquor?

She sends the children out to play. And then her busy fingers stay With needle and with thread. Glad as for dolls and everything. And so much yet to do. Christmas comes before you know. And mother must get through. But all the while upon her face That soft and gentle gleam. And in her eyes a light of grace. That glows the Christmas dream. Oh, hush! her heart with song. And in her soul there lies The motherhood of all the world. Descended from the skies.

THE Little Christmas Mother  
By D. D. In Baltimore Sun.

**PAY YOUR DOG TAX BEFORE JAN. 1ST**

If you intend to permit your dog to run at large, get your license tag before January 1st. Pay at my service station between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. any day. ALFRED HANSON, Township Treasurer.

**CREATING A MARKET****GOOD**

markets close at hand mean high prices for farm property and products of the farm. This market is in reality a service station supplying the needs of all the people of this community, making available to all needed merchandise, and the services of lawyer, doctor, minister and many others.

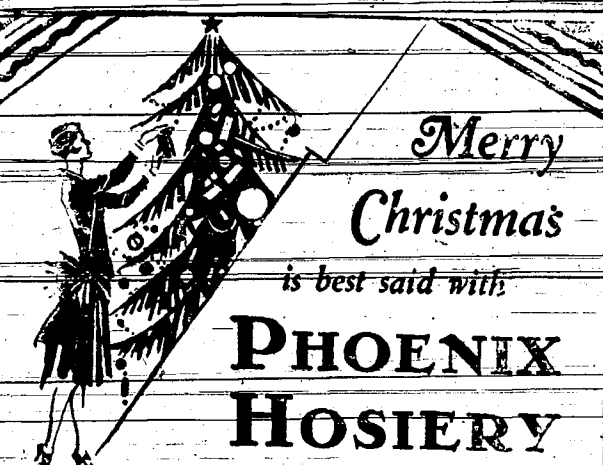
This market is the logical assembling place of the farmers' products for world consumption. Being close at hand, it saves the long haul, enables the farmer to quickly market his products at favorable prices.

The people of this community should take an active part in its affairs, support the local schools, the churches, the community associations and the local business men who are here to serve you. They have invested their capital in this community and in large measure pay the taxes which support our schools, and all the worthwhile enterprises of this community.

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